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LI HUNG CHANG OUSTED.

VICEROY OF LIANG-KIANG MADE CHIEF COMMANDER OF CHINA'S FORCES.

DESTINATE COURAGE OF THE CHINESE AT KUNG-WA-SAI-THE JAPANESE ADMINISTRATION

IN MANCHUEIA WORKING WELL. London, Dec. 30 .- A Central News dispatch from Peking says that Liu Kun Yi, Viceroy of Liang-Kiang, has been appointed to the chief command of all the Chinese forces, ousting Li Hung Chang. Liu Kun Yi has asked to be re-Heved of his new office, but his request has been

refused. He is believed to be incompetent. The Central News correspondent at Antong

Details from Kung-Wa-Sal confirm the first reports that the recent battle was fought with great obstinacy. The Chinese were strongly intrenched. They had eleven field pieces and some machine guns, and were well handled. The Japanese charges were repulsed with heavy loss. Their reserves from Haitcheng, who had experienced great difficulty on the march owing to the snew, then joined them, and they made another charge, with hurrahs and shouts of victory. This time they carried everything. Details from Kung-Wa-Sai confirm the first re-This time they carried everything. The Japanese admit that they had 450 killed and wounded, and say that the Chinese had 200 killed and wounded.

A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio

General Nodzu, who commands the Japanese army in Manchuria, reports that the natives have been greatly influenced by the elemency of the Japanese, and that many residents who had fled from their homes are returning with their families and are willingly assisting the invaders. Markets have been opened, Japanese currency circulates freely, and the Japanese Administration is working well.

EX-SECRETARY FOSTER BOUND FOR JAPAN. Chicago, Dec. 20.-Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster passed through Chicago to-day on his way Vancouver, whence he will sail for Japan on January 7. He will represent China in negotiations for peace between the two countries. Mr. Foster decimed to discuss the merits of the dispute, but desired it to be understood that he does not repre-sent the United States in the affair. He has al-ways been friendly toward both China and Japan, and since the war began he had followed the news-paper accounts, but did not care to express an opinion based on the information, even if he had formed one. seclined to discuss the merits of the dispute, but

TWENTY-SIX MEN PERISH.

BRITISH BARK OSSEO WRECKED AT HOLY-HEAD AND THE WHOLE CREW LOST.

STORMY WEATHER ALL OVER EUROPE-MANY CASUALITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND

WRECKS IN THE NORTH SEA. London, Dec. 30.-The British bark Osseo was wrecked in a gale at Holyhead early this morn-

ing, and with her perished her entire crew of twenty-six men. The Osseo was driven ashore back of the Holyhead breakwater. Her signals of distress were first heard by the coastguard about 4 o'clock in the morning. At that time it was pitch dark, and great waves were washing over the breakwater. In spite of the danger, the guard proceeded along the breakwater, and, havguard proceeded along the breakwater, and, having rigged up the rocket apparatus, began firing lifelines in the direction of the wreck. The faint light of the rockets soon disclosed the fact that the vessel had broken in two amidships, and that the mainmast had fallen, crushing the lives out of several of the crew. A few survivors could be seen clinging to each haif of the vessel, and their piteous cries for help could be heard above the roar of the storm. After many failures the coastguard succeeded in firing a line over the wreck; but by that time all on board had perished. A lifeboat vainly tried again and again to approach the wreck. Not a vestige of again to approach the wreck. Not a vestige of the bark could be seen to-day, and there is no prospect of any salvage. Several bodies have

been washed ashore.

The Osseo was a bark of 1,399 tons. She arrived at Falmouth on December 15, from Talial, and had been ordered to Androssan.

Boats and wreckage washed ashore on the coast of Lancashire indicate that the British bark Loweswater has been lost. She left Garston in tow on December 21, with fifteen persons aboard. The hawser parted in a gale, and the tug took refuge at Llandudno on Decembe since which time nothing has been heard of the Loweswater.

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Smarr wreeks and casualities are reported in Great Britain and Ireland. Many lives were saved by lifeboats.

The gale of the last two days did enormous damage on the coasts of N thern France, Bel-gium and Germany. Seven large sailing ves-sels were towed into Bremerhaven in a badly battered condition. Several coasters stranded and some of the seamen aboard were lost. The Ostend-Dover steam packet service was suspended yesterday and to-day. pended yesterday and to-day.

A severe gale is blowing on the Baltic, and navigation is suspended at Copenhagen. A heavy snow has fallen in the north of Scotland, and two rankway trains have been blocked on the

tracks.

Berlin, Dec. 39.—A storm in the North Sea last

night caused many wrecks off Heligoland, Stade

TO LOOK INTO CUBA'S CUSTOMS SYSTEM. THE PROPOSAL APPROVED BY THE SPANISH

CABINET-MINISTER ABARZUZA'S DENIAL. Madrid Dec. 20 .- The Cabinet has approved the

proposal to open an inquiry into the Cuban customs system. Señor Abarzuza, Minister of Colo-nies, denies the report that he suggested that the Washington Government arrange a tariff list with

FOR ARBITRATION WITH ENGLAND. MR. CREMER, M. P., TO BRING OVER AN ADDRESS SIGNED BY 254 COMMONERS, IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED TREATY.

London, Dec. 39.-William Randal Cremer, Radical, member of Parliament for Shoreditch, will sail for New-York on the steamship Teutonic on Jainternational arbitration, he will take with him address, signed by 354 members of the British Parnament in favor of the proposed treaty of arbitra-tion between England and the United States. Mr. Cremer says that the signatures to the address were confined purposely to members of Parliament not officially connected with the Government. Among them are most of the Liberals, the Irish members, and many Conservatives and Unionists. Mr. Cremer will deliver a copy of the address to President Cleveland and to every member of Con-

PASSED BY NEWFOUNDLAND'S COUNCIL. BUT THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT SIGN THE BILL GUARANTEEING THE BANKNOTES.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 30.-The Government car-ried its bill for the guaranteeing of banknotes through the Council last night by a majority of one. There has been considerable opposition to the sage of the measure, and an attempt to defeat it failed a few days ago through the premature publ cation of the plot. The dissatisfaction with the bill is so general here that the note-holders have de-

is so general here that the note-holders have decided to call a mass-meeting, at which resolutions will be adopted petitioning the Governor to refrain from attaching his signature to the measure. The Union Bank's shareholders will hold a meeting to-morrow, and the first business on the programme to be transacted is the removal of the present Board of Directors and the appointment of a new one. The condition of the Union Bank, it is satisfactory, and its leading shareholders are confident of its success, as the Bank of Montreal will assist in every way, and the Government will provide for special legislation.

A FURIOUS GALE IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 30 .- A furious gale raged here nearly all last night, and the seas were se high that the mail steamers were detained at this place for twenty-four hours. It is believed that the storm has wrought much damage among the coast-

LORD RANDOLPH'S CONDITION UNCHANGED. London, Dec. 30 .- Lord Randolph Churchill's conthis evening was reported to be unchanged.

THE KAISERS CHRISTMAS.

DISTRIBUTING THE PRESENTS AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF FISH AND MALBY IN POTSDAM PALACE.

A TREE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL ASSEMBLYMEN WHO PLEDGED THEM SUPPORT FAMILY-THE MINERS AND SOCIALISM-

MR. RUNYON'S DINNER. Berlin, Dec. 36.-The week began in fine holiday weather, clear, mild and sunny; but it closed in rain and cold. Nevertheless the Christmas trade was admitted to be good, if not the best in the

the Imperial family had an individual fir tree, cut n the Potsdam Wild Park and set up in the Shell The size of the trees was graduated carefully, acsors. The Emperor's and the Empress's were twenty feet high, the Crown Prince's was ten who had a sprig hardly above three feet. and then went to the Shell Hall, which was ablaze man would be Speaker. Speaker Malby and tapers. The trees had been decorated and lighted under the Emperor's personal supervision. The say that the Chinese had 200 kmet and wounded.
The snow prevented a succe skul pursuit of the retreating Chinese. The villagers of Juaining drove away the Chinese scholers who sought refuge there. They said they preferred to be governed by the Japanese, who had captured the Empress distributed the presents. Later the Empress and Empress entertained a few intimate friends at a dimer in their private apartments, on Wednesday, at the Emperor's command, a matiree performance of "Hansal und Gretel" was given at the Opera House for the amusement of the Imperial princes and the other children of the Court. Although the house was open to the public, it was not half-filled—a fact showing a great decline of interest in the doings of the Imperial colors. The Assemblymen who arrived to-day were their terms of the Court. The Assemblymen who arrived to-day were the colors of the Court of the Court. Although the house was open to the public, it was not half-filled—a fact showing a great decline of interest in the doings of the Imperial Court of the Court of t given at the Opera House for the amusement of the Imperial princes and the other children of the Court. Although the house was open to the pub-lic, it was not half-filled—a fact showing a great decline of interest in the doings of the Imperial family, as usually these occasions have attracted errowds.

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Empress Frederick continued her visits to the hospitals throughout the week, distributing small presents and exchanging Christmas greetings with the patients. In the Emperor Frederick Hospital for Children she passed a whole afternoon in going from bed to bed and handing toys to the young sufferers.

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The first National congress of German miners met on Thursday and Friday in Essen. There was only limited interest in its proceedings. The Social Democratic bias of the delegates was shown plainly by their hostility to the Christian Miners' Association, a concern which mixes theology and Socialism in its constitution and forbids the membership of avowed Social Democrats. The delegates agreed that religion, politics and tradesunionism should be kept distinct, although resolving in almost the same breath that Social Democracy and infidelity were essential principles of trades-unionism. Yesterday the Polish miners closed a three days' conference in Breslau. There the delegates avowed openly their adherence to the Social Democracy and prepared a plan of agitation, which will be extended over all the districts of Posen and Silesia. It is worthy of remark that neither the Essen nor the Breslau congress debated the Anti-Socialist bill.

The "Vorwarts" says that the Social Pemocratic Deputies are receiving from all countries letters and telegrams of sympathy and encouragement. They are urged to stand firm against the Anti-Socialist bill and the Emperor's attempt to muzzle them in the Kelebstag. All Social Democratic prejudice aside, it is felt that the present ill-nature of the South German States has become a potent factor with which the Emperor must reckon at once.

Chancellor Prince Hobenlohe expects to go to Friedrichsruh en Wednesday. The appointment of his son, Alexander, to be Councillor of Legation has worried the Radicals, who say that the Councillor is in honor bound to resign his seat in the Reichstag. The "Kreuz Zeitung" explains that the appointment is merely honorary, brings with it no salary, and therefore conflicts in no way with the Councillor's legislative duties.

Mr. Runyon gave a dinner on Thursday to the Italian, Japanese, Dutch and Bayarian Ministers. Mrs. Runyon had a dance at the Embassy on the same evening. Twenty couples were present.

Weimar, has presented to President Casimir-Perier the order of the White Falcon, in recognition of the honors paid to the body of his son, who died a Mentone recently. This is the first German ord-conferred upon a French President since 1871.

DREYFUS'S PETITION FOR A NEW TRIAL Paris, Dec. 30.-The court-martial in the case of Captain Dreyfus, who was recently condemned to life imprisonment for high treason, will to-morrow hear the Captain's petition for another trial.

WHY M. DE LANESSAN WAS CONFIRMED. Paris, Dec. 30.-The report is confirmed semi-officially that M. de Lanessan, the Governor of French Indo-China, who was recalled by President Casimir-Perfer yesterday, communicated official documents to Raoul Canivet, the Editor of "Paris," to which journal M. de Lanessan was a regular contributor

RAISING THE GERMAN COTTONSEED OIL TAX Berlin, Dec. 20.-Among the tariff amendments contemplated by the Government is an increase of the tax on cottonseed oil from 4 to 19 marks, newspapers admit that the United States we feel this increase keenly.

PUSHED AWAY BY THE GRIPMAN.

A WOMAN HURT WHILE TRYING TO HAVE A CO-LUMBUS-AVE, CAR STOP FOR HER.

Mrs. Richard Herrens, forty-five years oid, living at No. 831 Columbus-ave., at 8:40 last night attempted to board a cable car at Eightleth-st, and Co-lumbus-ave. She says that as the car approached she stepped forward to signal for the car to stop; that the gripman stooped over as she attempted to nave the car stop and gave her a violent push, knocking her to the ground. In falling she struck her head against a pile of snow and ice and sustained a severe scalp wound over the left eye. She was also badly shaken up. An ambulance was sum-moned from Roosevelt Hospital and her injuries dressed by Dr. Comstock. She then went to

At the time she was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. O'Rourke, who said that prior to the accident MIS. O ROURE, who said that prior to the accident they had attempted to stop two cars. A. G. Jerome, who lives at No. 151 East Fifty-minth-st, witnessed the affair and said that it was an outrage. Policeman James Faulkner, of the West Sixty-eighth-st, station, is at work on the case and expects to find the gripman. He was not on the spot at the time the accident occurred.

A MAIL DRIVER HURT.

Charles Smith, aged sixty-five years, a veterar mall-wagon driver, sustained an injury at 11 o'clock last evening by being knocked from the seat of Maliwagon No. 4 at Bleecker-st, and Broadway by a collision with Cable Car No. 94. Smith was crossing Broadway on his way from Branch Postoffice A to Branch Postoffice C, on the West Side, when the accident occurred. He was thrown on to a pile of snow and got several bad gashes in the left temple. He was unconscious when taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. James W. Weir, the gripman, was arrested by Policeman Walsh and locked up at the Mercer-st. police station.

HIS RIGHT THIGH FRACTURED. Michael Lappell, who lives at No. 317 West Thirtysixth-st., an employe of Steinway's piano factory, attempted to board a cable car at Fifteenth-st. and Broadway at 7:40 o'clock last evening. He fell and sustained a fracture of the right thigh. He was taken to New-York Hospital.

A STOCKHOLDER ALLEGES FRAUD. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26,-Ernest L. Squire began

suit against the National Bank of Commerce, William H. Thompson (president), Thomas P. John E. Thomson, John D. Coalter and William H. Daniels, asking for \$25,000 damages. Squires charges that the defendants conspired to give the St. Louis Car Axle Lubricator Company a fictitious credit of \$106,000, the amount of its claimed paid-up capital, thus enabling the shareholders, he alleges, to unload \$2,500 shares of stock on the plaintiff. The plaintiff alleges the stock is worthless.

THE DELAVAN DESTROYED.

IN PERSON YESTERDAY-LESS THAN ONE-

STILL IN THE FIELD

Albany, Dec. 20.-The contest for the Potsdam opened on Christmas Eve with the cus- | Speakership of the Assembly, in view of the tomary presentation of gifts. Every member of sacred character of the day, went on here merely in an informal manner to-day. A dozen or Hall, under the Emperor's personal supervision. parts of the State, visited the candidates for ording to the importance and age of the posses. Speaker at their respective headquarters, and in some cases announced their preference among the candidates. But there have not yet arrived feet high, and so on down to the little Princess. | a quarter of the 105 Republican Assemblymen; Late in so no prudent Republican politician deemed it the afternoon the family dired in the Apollo Hall, safe to declare unequivocally that this or that Assemblyman Fish, the leading candidates, both occupied their headquarters at the Delayan little company song a carol, and the Emperor and House during the day, until the fire which destroyed that hotel drove them hurrically from

Assemblymen who arrived to-day were evenly divided between Mr. Malby and lish, but there were some adherents of Dan-E. Ainsworth and James M. E. O'Grady, forth E. Ainsworth and James M. E. O'Grady, who also arrived here. This made the contest a four-sided one, and the two leading candidates, Malby and Fish, exerted all the influence they possessed to gain to their support the votes of the O'Grady and Ainsworth men. But this effort to suppress O'Grady and Ainsworth failed. Mr. O'Grady, who came here with the other members of the Monroe County delegation, announced that he was a candidate for Speaker and would look around for a good many hours surveying the canvass of the other candidates and supporting his own, before retiring as a candidate. As for Mr. Ainsworth, he remained in New-York and was reported to be doing some shopping with his wife. This led to the unkind remark that it was Sunday, and he could not be running around among the drygoods stores, but must be engaged in some other kind of "trading." Mr. Ainsworth has had the misfortune to have it reported of him that he had promised to make the speech nominating Mr. Fish for Speaker. Mr. Malby, as Mr. Ainsworth's friend, defended him from this dire suspiction, and said there was absolutely no truth in the story.

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Among the Assemblymen who have arrived re and have declared for Mr. Malby are essrs. Smith and Babcock, of Steuben; Kely, of Livingston, Honsinger, of Clinton; Weed, f. Essex, and Keck, of Fulton and Hamilton, large number of prominent politicians from Kethern New-York also arrived to aid Mr. Stalby, among them being County Judge Keljorg and Congressman Curtis, of St. Lawrence County, Congressman Curtis, of St. Lawrence County, Congressman Wever of Plattsburg; Senator Kilbura, of St. Lawrence County, and ex-Congressman Henry G. Burleigh, of Whitehall, Mr. Fish was cheered in his neadquarters by the arrival of the three Onondaga County Assemblymen, Charles E. Bogers, Charles C. Cole and Levi S. Chapman, who announced themselves as his supporters. Mr. Fish welcomes also Assemblymen Frank D. Pavey, and the Steinberg. Harvey T. Andrews and Steinberg. Harvey T. Andrews being for Speak dire suspicion, and said there was absolutely no truth in the story.

Among the Assemblymen who have arrived here and have declared for Mr. Malby are THE CZAR'S ENVOY RECEIVED BY THE POPE
Rome, Dec. 20.—Prince Lobanoff, the Czar's special envoy, was received by the Pope at noon to-day. After presenting to the Pope an autograph letter from the Czar, Prince Lobanoff said that he was happy to fulfil an office which enabled him to express his very services.

letter from the Czer, Prince Lobanoff said that he was happy to fulfil an office which enabled him to express his veneration for the Pope and to convey the good will of the Czar, whose policy was a pacific one. The Pope replied that he always supported the principles of order and peace, such as inspired the Czar.

The audience was held in the presence of the Papal Court and lasted ten minutes. Afterward the Pope and Frince Lobanoff were closefed to gether for three-quarters of an hour.

A GERMAN ORDER FOR CASIMIR-PERIER Paris, Dec. 39.—Count von Münster, German Ambassador in behalf of the Grand-duke of Saxebassador in Saxebassador in

Hamilton Fish's election as Speaker of the Assembly would put a premium on disloyalty to the Republican party in this State for all time. He betrayed his party as no fatible official has done in years. His action was absolutely inexusable. To allow him to return to the party ranks was reating him generously, but to put him in such a place of honor and power as Speaker of the Amenbly is more than I can stand. I do not presented to say what power is behind Mr. Fish, I do not care, but I do say that his catilidacy is a sleece of presumption, and his election would be blunder worse than a crime. I care not if he is adorsed by Mr. Morton, Mr. Platt and every other nam of prominence in the State, I know the plain blunder worse than a crime. I care not if he is dorsed by Mr. Morton, Mr. Platt and every other and of prominence in the State, I know the plain to prominence in the State, I know the plain to play the state of th

FIFTY PERSONS DROWNED.

FEARFUL FLOODS ON THE COAST OF COLOMBIA-GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Orleans, Dec. 30.-Captain Mathison, of the Norwegian steamship Yumuri, from Santa Maria, United States of Colombia, reports that fearful rains have fallen on the coast of Colombia. The village of Gaira, five miles south of Santa Maria, was washed away by heavy floods, and about fifty

In Santa Maria between forty and fifty houses were destroyed, and a large number damaged by the flood. The railroad tracks and bridges on the Santa Maria road, leading out to the Rio Frio, have been washed away, and it will require six months' abor to rebuild the road and bridges, as the hed of the road, as well as the track, has been

ARRESTED JUST REFORE HIS WEDDING.

SAMUEL HARRINGTON, IMPLICATED IN ROB-BERIES UP THE STATE, WAS TO HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO-DAY.

Samuel Harrington, a nice-looking, well-dressed young fellow of twenty-one, was arraigned before stice Hogan in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, charged with being one of a gang of burglars who have been operating up the State for several months. He was arrested at Eighth-ave, and Thirty-sixth-st. on Saturday night by Policeman Deering, of the West Thirty-reventh-st. station. The errest was caused by Detectives McDonald and Malloy, of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, who have been working on the case for several weeks. The gang to which Harrington is said to belong have stolen several thousand dollars' worth of goods from Cambridge, N. Y. On November 39 they looted the ore of J. H. Camard and attempted to get away in a handcar of the Fitchburg Railroad. They were

in a handcar of the Fitchburg Railroad. They were overtaken by an express train, and the car was smashed, but they escaped with their booty. It was shipped to S. Coies, No. 371 West Thirty-second-st., this city.

The detectives watched the place, and soon afterward Harrington appeared. He is the son, by her first husba...d, of Mrs. Wilshire, who lives at that number. Harrington was allowed to pawn nearly all the booty and was then arrested. Nearly a wagonload of stuff was recovered from the pawn-shops. Harrington has been on the stage and in the Elmira Reformatory. His mother said that he was to have been married to-day to a respectable woman. The young man is a brother of Leo Coies, the actress who kilied herself in the old Hartford Hotel, in West Twenty-eighth-st., in 1891. When fifteen she had run away and joined the Duff Opera Company. Her beauty made her popular, and she was said to have married the leading man of the company. They separated not long afterward. Mrs. Wilabire said yesterday: "George Sweet ruined my daughter's life, and now my son has disgraced us again."

again."
Harrington was remanded by the Justice. The detectives say there were at least three in the gang. One, Howard Hoag, was arrested in Troy Saturday night, and another will be arrested in Cambridge.

Butler, N. J., Dec. 30.-Martin Hosking and George Schulster, of Butler, while skating this afternoon in a pond near here, broke through the drowned. Schulster barely managed to grab the edge of the ice with his hands, and thus pull himself to the hard ice. The body of the drowned man was recovered. ice. Hosking floated beneath the ice and was

RROKE THROUGH THE THIN ICE.

THE SPEAKERSHIP CONTEST. DELAVAN HOUSE BURNED.

NOTED. ALBANY HOTEL GONE.

SEVERAL PERSONS BADLY INJURED, ONE OF THEM FATALLY IN ESCAPING.

MANY THRILLING SCENES WITNESSED.

HUSTLING POLITICIANS AND GUESTS PLEE FOR THEIR LIVES FROM THE FLAMES-SPEAKER

FLOOR TO THE STREET-FIVE HUN-SKETCH OF THE FAMOUS HOSTEERY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Albany, Dec. 30 .- A fire which destroyed the Delayan House caused the injury of a dozen people and perhaps the death of others, rudely dates for Speaker of the Assembly to-night. Saveral persons escaped death by leaping from upper stories, and a hundred persons, some of them among the most prominent politicians of the State, were nearly lost in the blaze. The flames were discovered about 8:20 o'clock. Had they burst out in the middle of the night the dead would undoubtedly have been numbered by scores. The famous old hotel was crowded, the usual quota of guests being swelled by many persons who had come to attend the inauguration ceremonies of Governor Morton on Tuesday and the opening of the State Legislature on Wednesday. A considerable number of Senators and Assemblymen, several Copgressmen and

come from it. His startled look was not needed to emphasize his cry:

"The hotel is on fire; get out as quick as you

The men started out at once. Speaker Malby

grabbed his hat and overcoat, and then, recalling that in his trunk were valuable papers, went to the inner room for it. He is a big. strong man-the kind they raise in St. Lawrence County-and he dragged that big trunk out into the corridor Here came the startling intelligence that the fire blocked the way to the main staircase. The smoke rolled through the corridor in a dense cloud, and as the men ran hither and thither, seeking an exit, the fumes became stifling. Half way between Room No. 454 and the main staircase is another and small. one, which the guests, having never used it, didn't at first think of. They rushed hither and thither, every now and then stumbling over Mr. Malby's big trunk, to which he clung. Then ex-Assemblyman George L. Weeks, of Queen's County, a candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly, went on a reconnoitering tour. He thought of this staircase and started to find it. The smoke was so thick that it blinded and partly suffocated him. But he dropped on his hands and knees and crawled along until he reached what proved the avenue of safety. He could no longer see those whom the hall entered the billiard-room. The door leading to Broadway was locked, but no one stood on ceremony long, and two or three of Superintendent Byrnes that there was a prebroad-backed St. Lawrence men dashed the obstacle aside and all were in the open air. Mr. Malby had started to take his trunk along, and HEMMED IN ON THE FOURTH FLOOR.

But the unfortunate beings who were on the upper floors had far more hazardous escapes, and some were so seriously injured that the hand of death has perhaps only been stayed for a brie time. The people who flocked to the scene when the word passed around that the Delavan House

MERCHANDER PERE MARCHINITED STREET HERE HERE WHEN THE PROPERTY OF A STREET FEEL OF STREET THE DELAVAN HOUSE.

(Through the court my of "The Recorder.")

many prominent Republicans had already was on fire witnessed sights which will surely reached the city to witness and take part in the trouble their dreams to-night. The most dread-Speakership contest. These and hundreds of ful incident of the fire was the fall of a long remember for its magnificence as a speciacle | building. Four persons had made their way to and for the thrilling and awful somes which the fourth floor when aware of the danger. attended the escape from death of the scores who | They were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Heilman, of were in the structure when the flames began | Brooklyn, who were said to be on their wedding their hungry onslaught. Those who thronged the trip, and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fooks, the lobby of the old hotel, of course, had an easy exit, but those who were upstairs at the time Company, whose home has been in Dayton, had an exciting and in many cases a dramatic-

The following are the only known victims of the fire, who received serious injuries: FON-KS, Mrs. W. H., formerly of Dayton, Ohlo, received

FOOKS, W. H., badly burned, but will recove

Benjamin, of Brooklen; burned about the internal injuries received in full from third

Fish, of Putnam, had headquarters on what is known as the first floor of the hotel-that is, one flight up. The number of Mr. Fish's room was 57, and superstitious politicians remembered that it was from here that Roscoe Conkling and Thomas C. Platt directed their losing fight for reelection to the Senate in 1881, and that Levi P. Morton marshalled his forces in the contest for a seat in the Federal Senate when Frank Hiscock was successful in 1887. It turned out, however, that Mr. Fish's choice of headquarters was more fortunate than Mr. Malby's, for his suite was near the main flight of stairs, while that of his rival was 150 feet distant in a remote part of the

building. THE FLAMES START IN THE CELLAR. the foot of the elevator shaft in the cellar, where the fuel of the hotel was kept. It was in this fuel that the flames had their origin. The boy was making a downward trip. He had passed when he smell smoke. An instant later he saw a thin stream of it rise from beneath. The car had gone a few feet further when the flames burst up through the crack between the first floor door and the bottom of the vehicle. The boy, wildly excited, stopped the car and, not waiting to open the door, crashed his way through it. Already some of the guests, both on the ground and first floors, had been warned by their senses of smell and sight that a fire badbroken out. They promptly rushed to give the

General Theodore L. Poole, the gallant onearmed veteran who has just been elected to Congress in the Syracuse district, had a moment before left Mr. Fish's room, and he dashed is on fire!"

A dozen people were in the room besides Mr. Fish. Among them were Assemblyman Frank D. Pavey, of New-York, Wilcox, of Seneca, and Rogers and Baker, of Onondaga, and several newspaper correspondents. Mr. Fish put on his silk hat, grabbed his overcoat and a handbag. and walked hurriedly into the corridors. The others had preceded him. Great, vellow flames were already sticking their tongues from the shaft, and the heat was perceptible. The party at once marched down stairs to the lobby. It was filling with smoke. Curiosity prompted a short delay there, but in a space which may not have been more than a minute, the smoke drove all out from that part of the lobby into Broadway and Steuben-st.

THE FLIGHT FROM MALBY'S ROOMS.

Mr. Malby's headquarters was in a suite entered through room No. 454. This was near the middle of the Broadway front of the hotel, With him were twelve or fourteen friends and supporters, including General N. M. Curtis, Congressman and Congressman-elect; County Judge Kellogg, of Plattsburg; John, B. Drake, of New-York; Mr. Loeb, his stenographer, and also several newspaper correspondents. This party had a pulse-stirring time. Some one came with the announcement that the house was on fire. Strangely, enough, there was little excitement at first. Louis J. Lang, of "The New-York Advertiser," walked out into the hall to see what the trouble was. The others remained, although they rose to their feet. The scout had to turn two corners in the corridor before he could see the fire. He went back to No. 454 just three times as fast as he had former an agent of the National Cash Register Ohio, but who intended to take up his residence in Albany. A rope had been lowered from the room above them, but by some terrible chance it had caught and reached only to the third floor. Apparently the Heilmans were in a frenzy of fear, for they seemed to make a dash for the rope together. They de-

scended only a short distance when, reaching the end of the rope, they fell to the street. A shudder ran through the hundreds of spectators. The man seemed to have thrown himself out from he building and landed on the curbstone. The on the second floor and bounded out into the street. The deep snow doubtless broke the falls of both somewhat, but their groans were awful HANGING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

These two injured persons were removed to the office of the Directory Hotel, across the street, and the crowd then saw a third figure coming down the rope. It was that of Fooks. He discovered that the rope went no further than the third floor, so he stood on the sill of the window here. The fire had long ago mounted to the roof and was spreading all over the great structure. and the Fire Department was just arriving Fooks's situation was critical in the extreme. Volumes of smoke rolled from the windows from which hung the rope, and the fear was in every heart that the frail strand would be burned the upper end, and he would thus be precipitated to the street. His cries for help were heartrending. Five hundred voices offered him encouragement. "Don't let go!" "The ladders will soon be here," "Keep your nerve," came from anxious throats. The form, attired in black, could not be plainly seen, and every eye was strained to catch its motion. His piteous appeals could at times be heard through the shouts of those who bade

agement of the fire department made one heartsick. The first ladder, far too short to reach, was raised by twoscore willing but over-hasty hands. It was placed just in the centre of the Steuben-st, side of the building, while Fooks, steadying himself on the rope, which might any instant give way, was at the second window from the Broadway corner. At that time the ladder was far too short to reach him. Soon an extension ladder was brought. As many as could grasp it essayed to raise it. The weight was so great that not enough could find room for their hands. Then half a dozen poles, with ends in the shape of a somewhat flattened V. were brought, and with the aid of these th ladder was placed against the wall. But the firemen who should have directed the work of their tremendously willing but unskilled volunteer assistants, had allowed the crowd to raise the ladder so that its top was a score of feet to the east of where Fooks stood WORKING FOR A HUMAN LIFE.

At last the ladders arrived, but the misman-

The crowd had been swelled into a multitude, and hearts beat anxiously at the delay, Now the great building was in a blaze in all the upper parts, and it was a question as to how long it would take the flamer to reach the rope. A great murmur, broken by shouts, bidding the man to be of good cheer, swelled from the surrounding streets, which were crowded for blocks. Meantime the heavy ladder was being slowly moved. First the bottom part was shoved over, but so earnest were the workers that the top nearly fell over. The lower end was planted in the snow and the upper moved along. Another shifting at the bottom, and then of the top, and then the ladder was under Fooks. But it too short, and had to be extended. Inch by inch the topn ost rung crept upward. Then came handelapping and shrill catcalls, for the ladder reached Fooks's feet. Even then the man was dazed, and he hestated a minute before descending. Finally he began his crawl downward. Cautiously he made his way until a dezen arms reached him and led him away. He was grimy as a coal miner, and his clothes were torn. Mrs. Fooks, who was in her room, had escaped

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DR. PARKHURST CRITICAL.

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ALL ARRANGED-MR. BYRNES AT HEADQUARTERS PACKING UP HIS PRIVATE PAPERS. The Lexow Committee, its accomplishments,

and the sensational winding up of Saturday's proceedings, afforded by Superintendent Byrner's letter of resignation to Major-elect Strong, furished the principal topic of conversation yesterday wherever men congregated.

"Will Mayor Strong retain him?" was a leading question whenever the Superintendent's me was mentioned. Dr. Parkburst was seen yesterday by a Trib-

une representative. When asked to comment on the work of the

Lexow Committee he said: "I hardly think that I ought to say anything.

To treat the subject adequately would take & he had left, but his shouts brought them to great deal of time. There is a great deal that him. All went down the staircase and from I could say, but I will not make known my entire sentiments to-day."

"Have you an idea from reading the testimony vious understanding between the Superintendent and the Lexow Committee?" he was asked. NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND.

The doctor smiled just a little as he said with

"There is not the slightest doubt about it. In fact, I am free to say that I knew some time ago that there was an understanding between the committee and Mr. Byrnes. I am not prepared to say that Mr. Goff had any knowledge of it, but the understanding involved the manner in which Mr. Byrnes was to be treated. Just what the understanding was I decline to state, but I knew that Byrnes was not to be badly

damaged.
"I first made up my mind that there was an understanding when I heard that Byrnes was suplying the mmittee with information. I don't know just how long ago this arrangement was entered into. My sentiments in regard to Mr. Byrnes are the same now as they always was entered into. My sentiments in regard to Mr. Byrnes are the same now as they always have been. This understanding between Byrnes and the committee did not affect my views or the views of the members of the society with which I am identified toward the Superintendent in the least. I have been fighting Mr. Byrnes three years, and he has been fighting us, and I am firmly of the conviction that if I care for the safety of our organization I cannot afford to become allied with the enemy in any way, shape or manner. I look upon Superintendent Byrnes as a constituent part of a system that is corrupt, and for that reason I do not believe it is wise to have any dealings with him.

OVERTURES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT. "Mr. Byrnes has made overtures to our so-

ciety, looking to co-operation with us. In corroboration of this statement I can refer to the time we were having so much trouble with the Grand Jury. De Lancey Nicoll said to me:

Grand Jury. De Lancey Nicoll said to me:
Why don't you take Superintendent Byrnes
into your confidence? He will aid you in
pounding the captains.' To which I replied:
No, no; he might assist me in pounding the
captains, but he is in the same box with the
captains, and it is our duty to pound him as
well as the captains.'
"Our society started out with a certain object in view, and the only safe way to accompillsh good in the line we laid out is to follow
the line straig t. You cannot afford to accept
favors from a man who is working against you.
If you mortgage your house the mortgage must
be paid off, and if it isn't paid off it will be foreclosed."

"What do you think of the Superintendent's testimony to the effect that he has been seriously hampered by the Commissioners in the performance of his duty?"
"I am only a poor little Presbyterian clergyman," said Dr. Parkhurst, scornfully, "and what has taken me a year or two years to do, Superintendent Byrnes, with ample power at his command, would be able to do in a week if he were so minded."
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"I do not wish to prophesy about that," re-plied the doctor, jovially. "It is not safe to prophesy, especially if the papers are going to print it. But I expect to have something pertinent to say in the course of a few days." Do you still adhere to your idea of a military

Do you still adhere to your dea of a mintary police system?"
"Yes, I still believe that such a system would be best. But I have been misunderstood in regard to the matter. I am in favor of a police system on a military basis, but not necessarily with a military head."
"Do you regard Superintendent Byrnes as having been brought up in politics?"
"I cannot say that I so regard him," answered Dr. Parkhurst. Dr. Parkhurst.

COLONEL STRONG SILENT.

Mayor-elect Strong was seen by a Tribune reporter at his house in West Fifty-seventh-st. resterday

"Will Mr. Byrnes be Superintendent of Police under your administration?" he was asked. "That is naturally a delicate question at this stage of the proceedings, and one which I could hardly be expected to answer," replied the Mayor-elect, who refused to talk any further on

PACKING UP HIS PRIVATE PAPERS. Superintendent Byrnes went to Police Headquarters at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and spent four hours there in packing up his private papers for removal, in case Mayor Strong should send his resignation to the Board of

should send his resignation to the Board of Police Commissioners for acceptance. "For acceptance" is the phrase used by the Headquarters people generally to describe the situation which would result, should the letter be forwarded to the board to act on.

The collecting of his papers was done by the Superintendent and his private secretary, Sergeant Frank Mangin, in Mr. Byrnes's private room. The shutters to the room's windows were closed, as is usual on Sunday, when the Superintendent is not there, and no one knew that he had been to Headquarters until after he had departed.

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The Superintendent's resignation was the only opic of discussion around headquarters yesterday. Regret at his probable departure seemed, however, to be completely overshadowed in the amazement as to what would happen after he had gone, and where a competent successor could

he found.

Inspector Conlin is the next officer in rank to the Superintendent, and would be first in the race for Mr. Byrnes's mantle. He enjoys the distinction of being the only Inspector unsmirched by the testimony given before the Lexow Committee.

But while an excellent routine officer, he is not credited with any remarkable executive ability of the rank and file of the department. Inspector McLaughlin, the present head of the detective department, is considered a more brilliant officer, but the evidence brought out by Mr. Goff will tell against him should there be any contest for the Superintendency between Inspector Conlin the Superintendency between Inspector Conlin and himself. Inspectors Williams and McAvoy are both regarded as out of the race, the former being condemned by his record.

JUDGE COWING'S VIEWS

Judge Rufus B. Cowing was chatting with a friend at the Plaza Hotel yesterday, when a Tribune reporter asked how New-York could best make use of the knowledge gained by the

best make use of the knowledge gained by the investigation of the Lexow Committee.

"I believe the Police Department should be reorganized from stem to stern," said he. "I think Superintendent Byrnes is right on the question of centralizing the power in one head. Politics should cut no figure whatsoever in the department. Why should there be four Police Commissioners any more than two? Two are in no greater danger of being tied in a vote than are four. The department is apt to be a lame duck as long as the responsibility is divided. Of course, the objections will be raised that a commission of four is needed properly to supervise the expenditure of the four or five millions that it costs to run the department. But we don't have to have four or five city chamberlains. When I say that a thorough reorganization is necessary, I do not mean to say that the patrolmen and roundsmen are beyond redemption. Subordinates will not be